



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
Foster Community Center, Room 213

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Hussain called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley- arrived at 5:41 p.m.
Councilmember Jeremy Garza- unexcused
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson- unexcused
Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Brian Daniels

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jake Brower, Finance
Desiree Kirkland, Finance
Nancy Mahlow
Luciana Solis, Mayor's Office
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Robin Anderson King, NCE
DeLisa Fountain, NCE
Katusha Galitzine
Jason Wilkes
Kim Korroch

Presentations

Ms. Kirkland introduced Mr. Brower and Mr. Brower went through the handouts including the proposed budget which included budget assumptions, general fund sources, revenues, taxes, fringe and then new services including City 311 Services. The presentation briefly spoke on fee changes in parks and recreation, City Clerk, Public Service and some infrastructure highlights.

Council President Hussain noted that in LPD there is an Assistant Chief and additional social worker, and Mr. Brower confirmed it is included in the budget.

Public Comment

Ms. Galitzine referenced the Executive Summary and the bullet on racial equity. Mr. Brower stated it includes the current equity diversity programs, and is the continuation to implement the work done in the last two years of MRJEA. The City dedicated 1.25% to address human needs, and the ordinance was amended to 1.35% of the GF revenues, with 1% minimum dedicated to address racial equity. This is overseen by the HRCS department. Ms. Galitzine

asked if this was funds given out by HRCS. Council Member Spadafore stated the HRCS Board are disbursed by scoring of the applications and they make recommendations to the Mayor. Council Member Spitzley stated there was a seminar in February, and she was hoping more notification would be provided in the future. Mr. Brower stated they will be wrapping up the current expenditures and plan for the future. During Budget Priorities in October Council makes recommendations to the Mayor on what they want in the budget. Council Member Wood made the public that the HRCS department has a contingency fund to assist with things that come up including during COVID, food and utilities.

Ms. Mahlow referenced the Public Service Board and their discussion on trash pick-up and "universal trash" where it would appear on everyone's property tax in the City. She did have a concern with this implementation because there could be loss of jobs of City employees, but strongly wants to make sure everyone is paying for trash.

Mr. Wilkes spoke on the concern with illegal dumping, but part of the conversation has been the issue with vacancy in the public service, and he understood that those employees cannot handle the whole City. They want to support the workers we have. Mr. Brower stated they have not included any changes in those public services.

Ms. Mahlow then spoke about the \$1 million the Mayor has proposed to give to 100 people and she spoke in support of the funds being used somewhere else. Council Member Spadafore those funds are not in this budget, it is in another proposal. Council Member Wood stated it is part of an ARPA resolution in Committee on Ways and Means and they are waiting on details from the Mayor on the line items. Council Member Spitzley spoke on her concerns to the PILOT and how is it sustainable.

Ms. Mahlow spoke on the proposed new code enforcement officer, and asked for more than one new officer to assist with rental properties.

Mr. Wilkes voiced his concern with the lack of urgency from the Administration, then spoke on the 311 service asking what the amount is to fund this. He then asked for a dash board to see what is working with it and what isn't working with the program to evaluate. Mr. Wilkes then spoke briefly about the proposed fee increases and opposition to continuing to fee people, asking for funding for public service equipment and completing the promises that were made to the citizens. The next question asked was for a dashboard/matrix on how the departments are doing and publish it, including looking at Code Compliance to make sure they are doing the job they are hired to do. Mr. Wilkes asked for an evaluation of the problems with HR and if the Deputy HR Director will address all the vacancies. Lastly he asked what the "investment into public safety" is listed in the executive summary.

Mr. Brower briefly spoke on the questions. Regarding the matrix, there is nothing created, and there have been several steps in the past to work with current software, however they are balancing the capacity to be more fluid and modern in their approach. Council Member Brown spoke in support of a department matrix.

Ms. Mahlow asked if there were funds for property tax to modern. Ms. Kirkland confirmed they are looking at programs to bring everyone to streamline, but not in the upcoming budget. They are looking at a cloud base version, and taking BSA into all departments to streamline.

Council Member Wood acknowledged all the public present, and wanted to make them aware that Police and Fire do not receive social security which is a state law. Their only retirement is whatever they get from their municipalities.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee May 16, 2022